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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>U.S. Patent Nos.</u>
Abidin et al	5,250,063
Abidin et al	5,275,606
Abidin et al	5,411,512
Abidin et al	5,496,340
Abidin et al	5,569,281
Abidin et al	5,662,669

Applicant respectfully submits that the above-mentioned references taken alone or in combination neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the

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foregoing and the making of the references formally of record in the instant application is respectfully requested.

Copies of the references are submitted herewith along with form PTO/SB/42 (6-95) for the convenience of the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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